

## AMENDMENT

### **In the claims:**

Please add new claims 6-9 as follows:

~~6.~~ (New) A recombinant expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

7. (New) The recombinant expression vector of claim 6, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:44.

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8. (New) The recombinant expression vector of claim 7, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:43.

9. (New) A host cell comprising the recombinant expression vector of claim 6.--

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## RESPONSE

### **I. Status of the Claims**

No claims have been canceled. No claims have been amended. New claims 6-9 have been added.

Claims 1-3 and 6-9 are therefore presently pending in the case. For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean copy of the pending claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up copy of the original claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

### **II. Support for the Newly Added Claims**

Claims 6-8 have been added to specifically recite recombinant expression vectors comprising isolated nucleic acid molecules of the invention. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at least at page 14, lines 7-12.

Claim 9 has been added to specifically recite host cells comprising the recombinant expression